

FOLKTALES

Has anyone ever shared a folktale or song with you? If not, perhaps your parent, grandparent, or other family member has one to share with you if you ask. If someone did tell you one of these special stories, what did you learn? Think of two pieces of information you learned and keep them in mind while you read the folktale on the next page. See if you recognize any of the ideas in *The Spider and the Honey Tree* that you might have learned before.

Activity: Read the African folktale about *The Spider and the Honey Tree* by Phillip Martin on the following pages. Follow up by answering the questions on the bottom of this page. Then see if you can create and write your own folktale!

1. What may have been a chore a young girl from an African village would have been responsible for?
2. What types of food might this young girl and her village eat?
3. Of what values and morals does this folktale speak?

